

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO.
	421



n Lexington

ress 18 Stratham Road

toric Name \_\_\_\_\_

: Present residential

Original residential

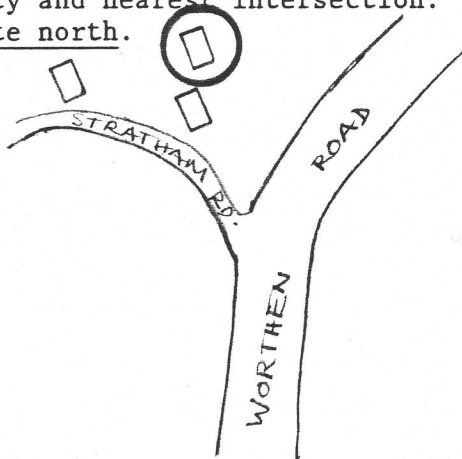
DESCRIPTION:

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ource Lexington Minute Man, April 2, 1886

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



Style Shingle Style/Queen Anne

Architect \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior wall fabric clapboards, shingles

Outbuildings garage

Major alterations (with dates) \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage 30992 ft.<sup>2</sup>

Setting A prominent site on the southern slope of Robinson Hill overlooking the town center.

Recorded by Anne Grady

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date April, 1984

(Staple additional sheets here)

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This house is similar to many late-nineteenth century houses in Lexington. Its vernacular profile has been dressed up with a hexagonal tower at the left front corner, a rectangular bay window, patera trim on the eave fascia, and a porch with turned posts.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The local newspaper noted in April, 1886, that Mr. Leonard E. Bennink had rented the new house just completed by George W. Robinson. Mr. Bennink, a dry goods dealer in Boston, was the leader in the campaign to get Lexington to adopt "modern business methods in its municipal affairs" (Worthen 1946:95), which was first successful when in 1893 the town established a finance committee. By 1895 Bennink had purchased an estate on Loring Hill and by 1913 he had moved to Lawrence.

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